

Claims:

1. A browser program which, when executed by a suitable device, causes the device to carry out the method steps of:
 - examining data received as a page comprising page data and mark up language tags and identifying the mark up language tags;
 - analysing the identified tags to derive instructions; generating a visual output derived from the page data based on instructions derived from the identified tags; and carrying out further operations based on instructions derived from the identified tags and not derived from the page data.
2. A browser program according to claim 1, in which the visual output derived from the page data is suitable for display in a display region of a visual display unit and the further operations define the size of the display region or elements to be displayed on the visual display unit outside or overlaying the display region.
3. A browser program according to claim 1, in which the visual output derived from the page data can be generated by one or more functional sections of the device and the other operations include sending instructions to other functional sections of the device or to other devices.
4. A browser program according to claim 3 in which the other operations include the display of text identified by the tags.
5. A browser program according to claim 3 in which the other operations include the display of text derived from the tags.
6. A browser program according to claim 1 in which the other operations include requesting a smart card reader to carry out a transaction with a smart card.
7. A browser program according to claim 1 in which the other operations include the device requesting and responding to user commands.

8. A browser program according to claim 1 in which the page is a web page suitable for transmission through the Internet.
9. A markup language tag which can be associated with page data to form a page and adapted to cause a suitable browser program to carry out the method of any preceding claim.
10. A page incorporating a markup language tag according to claim 9.
11. A page according to claim 10, in which the page is a web page.